



Ohio State Racing Commission

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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on July 22, 2020

1-The Ohio State Racing Commission (“Commission”) held its monthly meeting July 22, 2020 via teleconference beginning at 10 am.

2-Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Commissioners Greg Simpson, Beth Hansen, William Patmon Jr. and Thomas Winters were present.

3-Commissioner Winters moved to approve the June 24, 2020 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

4- Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed Executive Director approvals. Commissioner Winters moved to ratify the Executive Director’s approvals. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

5- The Commission discussed the 2020 meet requests for Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway. Commissioner Winters moved the Commission approve the 2020 meet requests for Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6- Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed Resolution 2020-14 casino revenue distribution. The second quarter casino revenue distribution of \$152,148.51 is to be distributed to the emergency fund that was established by Commission Resolution 2020-09. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Resolution 2020-14. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote

7-Executive Director William Crawford updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. In July, there were five thoroughbred fatalities. For the year 2020 there has been 17 fatalities with 15 from the thoroughbreds and two from the standardbred.

8-Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. For fiscal year 20, expenses were down 8% and revenues were down 12% for the fiscal year. There was an overall loss of \$34,000 for fiscal year 20.

Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the handle for all the racing tracks in June 2020 as compared to June 2019. Belterra Park live handle was down 21% but their simulcast was up 10%. Thistledown live handle was down 9.7% but their simulcast revenue was up 5.4%. Northfield Park live handle was down 10% but their simulcast was up 6.5%. Scioto Downs their live handle was up 40% and their simulcast was up 25%. Hollywood Gaming at Dayton’s simulcast was done 12%. Miami Valley was done 13%. Mahoning Valley was done 2.5%.

9A-Commissioner Hansen stated the Medication Committee is going to move forward with a review of some medications when it is safe to get together, or the committee will meet via teleconference.

9B-Commissioner Simpson stated he has several recommendations that he wants to discuss with the Safety Committee when they can get together.

Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the Commission Directive regarding out of state jockeys. As of July 14, 2020, only jockeys, who are currently riding or exercising a horse within the State of Ohio, can ride or exercise a horse at Thistledown and/or Belterra Park. Any jockey who is not currently riding or exercising a horse within the State of Ohio is prohibited from riding or exercising a horse at Thistledown and/or Belterra Park. A jockey who is currently riding or exercising horses within the State of Ohio and leaves this state to ride or exercise a horse shall not be allowed to ride or exercise a horse at Thistledown and/or Belterra Park until the jockey has completed a fourteen day quarantine and the jockey shows documentation of a negative COVID-19 test within the last seven days of the quarantine. The Directive does not restrict the travel of any jockey who is currently riding or exercising a horse within the State of Ohio to ride or exercise a horse at another horse racing track in Ohio.

10A- There were no comments from Northfield Park.

10B- There were no comments from Belterra Park.

10C- Joe Morris spoke on behalf of Eldorado Scioto Downs. He stated the Eldorado/Caesars merger is completed. The new parent company is called Caesars Entertainment with six racetracks in the portfolio. Scioto Downs current all sources handle is averaging \$820,000 per day. In the previous five years, the average all sources handle was averaging \$200,000 per day.

10D- Patrick Ellsworth spoke on behalf of JACKThistledown. He stated the export wagering on JACKThistledown live racing has increased since switching live race dates from Saturdays to Thursdays.

10E-Jason Blum spoke on behalf of Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway which is getting ready for their meet to open which begins on September 8, 2020.

10-F There were no comments from Miami Valley.

10G- There were no comments from Mahoning Valley.

10H-Renee Mancino spoke on behalf of the Ohio Harness Horsemen Association (OHHA). She stated the OHHA has live streamed races on Facebook, You Tube and the OHHA website.

10I-Dave Basler spoke on behalf of the Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (OHBPA). He stated the Belterra Park's handle has increased due to lack of competition and more usage of the turf course which allows for larger field sizes. OHBPA has been meeting with horsemen at the tracks to emphasize safety protocols.

11-The Chairman stated there would be a special Commission meeting in a few weeks to further discuss the Commission's finances during the COVID-19 pandemic. There would be no Commission votes taken during this special meeting.

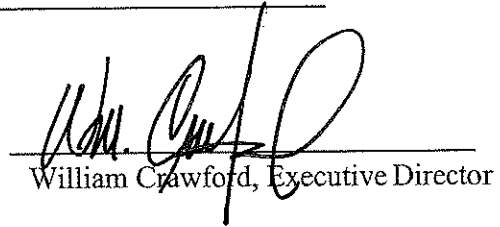
12-There were no public comments.

13-Commissioner Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The public meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 2020 @ 10 am
via teleconference



Scott Borgemenke, Chairman



William Crawford, Executive Director